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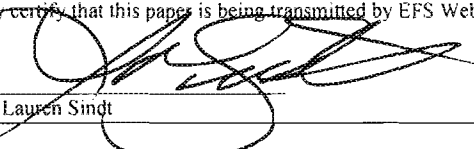
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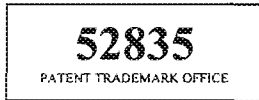
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants hereby respectfully requests a refund under 37 CFR §1.26. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced application on July 17, 2009. The Information Disclosure Statement was filed under 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1). Deposit Account 50-3478 was charged \$180 for the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) on August 31, 2009. Applicants hereby assert that this fee was improperly charged.

The first Office Action on the merits of this application was issued April 1, 2009. No Final Office Action has yet been issued in this application. The references cited in the IDS of July 17, 2009 were first cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on June 15, 2009. This date is within three months of the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, as was indicated in the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) made in the IDS.

Under 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1), no fee is required for Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement given the circumstances listed above. Applicants respectfully request that the amount of \$180.00 be refunded. This amount may be refunded to Deposit Account 50-3478.



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Respectfully submitted,

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